



A Grassroots Network of Families and Friends Speaking on Behalf of Children with Special Health Care Needs

Interview Questions to Assess How A Clinic Operates

- Is the doctor accepting new patients?
- How long does it usually take to get an appointment?
- How is billing handled? Will you have to pay at the time of your visit or will you be billed later?
- How much time is allotted for routine visits?
- Can you schedule longer visits for my child with special needs?
- How long is the wait time on average to get into the examination room?
- If there is a play room, how often are the toys sanitized?

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